



PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward

Serial No.: 10/619,723

Filed: July 15, 2003

For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR  
APPARATUS, METHODS AND  
ARTICLES OF  
MANUFACTURE

Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: Leon, Edwin A.

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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1. We enclose the following documents:
  - Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Express Mailing (3 pgs., in duplicate)
  - Amendment in Response to Office Action dated September 22, 2004 (6 pgs)
  - Return postcard

**STATUS**

2. Applicant  
 claims small entity status.  
 is other than a small entity.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION**

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## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
third month	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

- An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.	11	MINUS	13	=0	x \$25 = \$0	x \$50 = \$0
	4	MINUS	4	=0	x \$100 = \$0	x \$200 = \$0
<u>— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</u>				+ \$180 = \$0		+ \$360 = \$0
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$0	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$0

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$ 0

## FEE PAYMENT

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:




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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: